

THE HACKLEY CONCERT.

The Initial Entertainment of the Season A Musical and Financial Success.

Berean Baptist Church was filled to the doors on Friday, Oct. 25th, to attend the opening concert of the season in the usual round of church entertainments. The program was executed with that ease and promptness characteristic of Berean entertainments, and every number was enthusiastically applauded.

There were two numbers by members of the always popular Mandoline Club, and these were rendered with effective ease and gracefulness. The "Senegambian Patrol," as played by the club, sent so much music through the souls and into the soles of the younger element in the audience that the trustees had some difficulty in keeping them from executing the "cake walk" right in the "meetin' house." The recitations by Miss Addie Wormley showed in a most satisfactory manner the remarkable versatility of that young lady's artistic accomplishment; and her rendering of Paul Laurence Dunbar's latest dialect poem, "Encouragement," proved an especially attractive bit of elocution. Dr. C. Sumner Wormley sang in his usually happy vein, and the popular Treble Clef was splendidly represented in a duet from Handel's "Messiah" by Mesdames Williston and Gray. When Madame Hackley, the star of



MRS. AZALIA HACKLEY.

the evening, made her appearance upon the platform, the very cordial greeting accorded her by the audience was a convincing proof of the splendid impression she had already made upon the Washington public. From her first note to her last, she proved herself in voice, in emperament and in melodic technique the true artist. In her first number, "Una Voce," a Cavatina from Rossini's opera, "The Bride of Seville," she executed most difficult cadenzas not unlike and as easy as a bird sings his mating song; and as an encore to this, she sang, "Camin' Thro' the Rye," in a manner that charmed and captivated every person in the vast audience.

The Staccato Polka was given with a daintiness and zest that were positively bewitching. This selection, so well adapted to develop and display the elasticity, delicacy, range and fibre, of the human voice, showed that Mrs. Hackley possesses each of these qualities in a remarkably high degree, and that she can control them with the ease of a finished artist. The remarkable characteristic of her singing, is her clear resonant and distinct enunciation. She never subordinates intelligibility to music. In the highest altitudes of her vocal flight, there is always distinguishable the thing she is saying, and this loses none of its interest by coming to us in the envelope of her vocal sweetness.

Her final piece was "Onaway, awake,

Beloved," by E. Coleridge Taylor, the famous Anglo African composer who has won such signal distinction in foreign musical circles by setting to music Longfellow's poem, "Hiawatha." Her interpretation of this wonderful composition was technically beautiful and if, as some critics contend, there are lines of convergence between music and the drama, Mrs. Hackley, through the sympathetic flexibility of the voice discovered these lines in the rendition of this piece, for in it she blended most harmoniously these twin sisters of art. The audience was appreciative and enthusiastic, and all voted the entertainment a splendid success.

ATLANTA LAWYERS WIN.

Cols. Pledger and Johnson at the Bar—Stories of Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Atlanta, Ga., Special;—Barton Powell of Dugerty Co., perhaps one of the wealthiest farmers in Ga., was in the city last week. Mr. Powell is quite an unassuming Afro-American and he counts his money by the thousands. E. R. Belcher, Deputy Collector of Customs at Brunswick, Ga., is in the city visiting his aged mother, Cole. H. L. Johnson, W. A. Pledger, appeared in the United States Circuit court last week for a man charged with pension fraud. They succeeded in landing their man, Johnson is a wonder. Prof. Richards exhibited his fashion play Thursday and Friday nights at Big Bethel to large audiences both nights. Prof. E. L. Chew preached a very fine sermon at the Radcliffe, Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning. The Pastor, Dr. Wilson, being absent, attending the Synod at Newman.

Alice, who arrived last week, has brightened the home of Collector and Mrs. H. A. Rucker. Crystal Lodge of the Masonic Fraternity, tendered Dr. H. H. Butler a banquet last Monday night at the Masonic Temple. Hon. H. A. Rucker acted as toastmaster. Remarks were made by Drs. J. W. Marston, W. F. Penn, Messrs A. Hamilton, E. J. W. H. Clark, Rev. J. S. Flipper, Dr. Butler and Walter S. Logan. The committee of arrangements were G. H. Reed, H. H. Mobley, A. B. Reynolds, Rob. Sharpshire.

Mrs. Palmer of Pittsburgh, Pa., Secretary of the Board for Freedmen of the Presbyterian Church, delivered an address to the Sabbath School children of the Radcliffe Memorial Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning. In her remarks she referred to "Uncle Tom" and the incidents of her early life when her father would read to the children about "Uncle Tom." This reference was very effective and a few of the older ones in the auditorium fairly broke down and the little ones became intensified and when she was through there was not a dry eye in the whole house. Maj. Easley, the Superintendent in introducing her referred to the visits of northerners to the day and Sunday Schools when he was a boy and the incidents of Prof. Wright and Gen. Howard. This brought out the fact that Mrs. Palmer was then in the South teaching our people at that time. Some of our scholars tell us that there will be a reply to Rev. H. Johnson's attack on the classics in the current number of the Colored American Magazine. Let it boom and let us have some fun. Rev. L. B. Maxwell left last week for California in hope of regaining his health.

Lieut. Peter McCown of the 10th Cav Manzanillo, Cuba, was in the city last week and paid us a pleasant call.

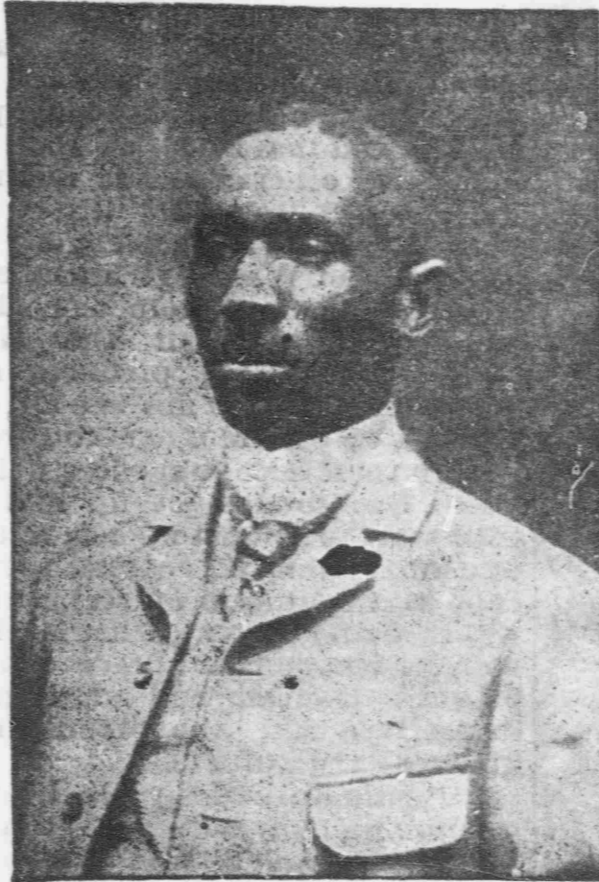
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